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FUN IN THE SUN, WITH A PROTON GUN!

There's an annual comic book ritual which takes over the downtown San Diego Perfoming Arts Expo Center the first week of August.

This little extravaganza, called simply; The San Diego Comic Convention has publishers, dealers, artists, writers, etc., from all over the world. This year's convention (August 4-7), attracted over 10,000 people.

NOW COMICS was there, and we brought a few extra special treats. Within our three large booths was a replica of the ECTO-1 car used in the GHOSTBUSTERS movie. Along with this twenty-one foot automobile were three individuals dressed as Dr. Ray Stantz, Egon Spengler, and Janine Melnitz. And popping up every once and a while was a seven foot StayPuft Marshmellow Man!

Also at the NOW Comics' display was the art team for THE ORIGINAL ASTRO BOY comic, Andrew Pratt and Ken Steacy. These two talents are also the creators of THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS monthly cover art (notice they only work on books with three word titles). Brian Thomas was also there, the inker for both THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS and RACER X. Brian will be working on the ASTRO BOY backup for a few upcoming SPEED RACER comics!

Jim Van Hise, the man behind the stories in THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS was there occasionally to sign some autographs. Jim informed the crowd of the upcoming GHOSTBUSTERS movie sequel which is scheduled to go into production this November, with a 1989 release date!

Usually, these conventions consist of answering thousands of questions, signing autographs and staying on your feet for twelve hours. It can be quite tiresome, but at this one, after seeing the hundreds of children (and adults), with eyes full of wonder and joy as they walked up to our booth made it much easier on our feet!

Tony Caputo
Publisher
Editor 'n Chief

THIS REBEL STRONGHOLD HAS BEEN DISCOVERED BY SKYNET, THE WORLD COMPUTER. INSTANTLY, SKYNET FORWARDS A GROUP OF TERMINATORS TO ELIMINATE THE RESISTANCE, BUT THESE ARE NOT JUST ANY REBEL FORCE...
THEY'RE THE SARAH'S SLAMMERS...
IF I HAD A ROCKET LAUNCHER...
FIRE!
MARCO, BROOKS! GRAB THE FOOD, WATER, AND MED-KITS, THEY'VE FOUND THE BASE--WE'RE OUTTA HERE!
SLAGER, MOVE 'EM OVER TO THE MINE FIELD AND HAVE HANSEN GET THE CARS READY TO MOVE--NOW!
...AND THIS IS THEIR LEADER, COMMANDER LEAHY, A MAN WHO KNOWS HE WILL ULTIMATELY DIE, BECAUSE THERE IS NO WINNING A WAR AGAINST SKYNET AND THE TERMINATORS... ONLY SURVIVAL UNTIL THE NEXT ROUND.
...AND GRAB ALL THE ROCKET LAUNCHERS!
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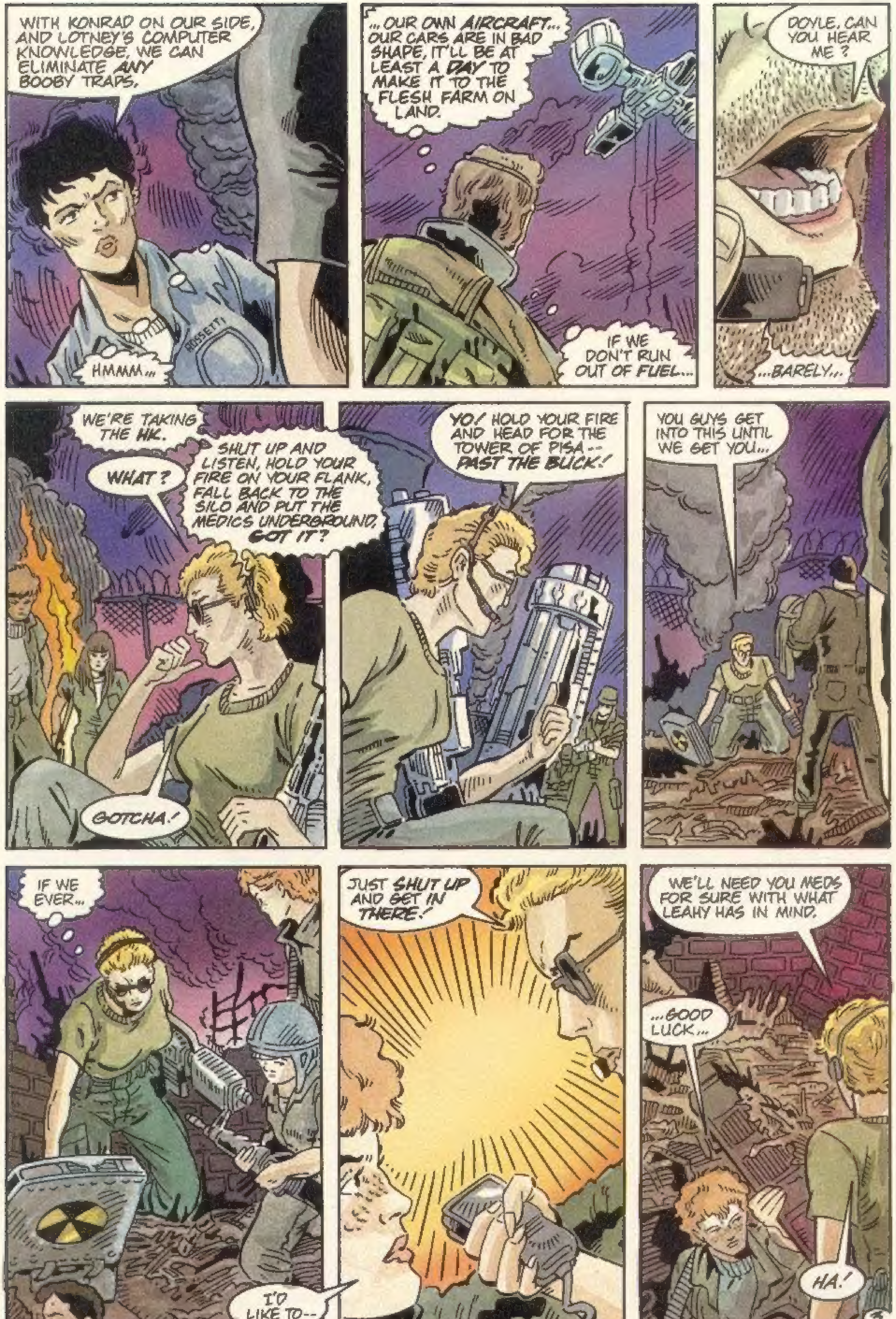
SCHILLER, THEY'RE MOVIN' IN TOO FAST-- USE THE GRENADES...
WHAT'S THE PLAN, LEAHY?
THE PLAN, COMMANDER ROSETTI, IS TO STAY ALIVE!
BOOMM!
CRAP!
WATCH YOUR AIM, SOLDIER. YOU DON'T WANNA GET CAUGHT SHORT WHEN A 'NATOR'S ON YOUR BUTT!
SORRY, SIR.
SAVE YOUR SORRYS FOR YOUR BEDPAL...
COMMANDER, I HAVE AN IDEA!
THAT SHIP HAS A COMPUTER IN IT. WE COULD FIND OUT SUPPLY INFORMATION PRIOR TO RISKING OUR NECKS AT THE FLESH FARM...
NO WAY! THE HK'S ARE BOOBY TRAPPED AGAINST ANY OUTSIDERS...


WITH KONRAD ON OUR SIDE, AND LOTNEY'S COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE, WE CAN ELIMINATE ANY BOOBY TRAPS.
HMMM...
ROSSETTI
...OUR OWN AIRCRAFT... OUR CARS ARE IN BAD SHAPE, IT'LL BE AT LEAST A DAY TO MAKE IT TO THE FLESH FARM ON LAND.
IF WE DON'T RUN OUT OF FUEL...
DOYLE, CAN YOU HEAR ME ?
...BARELY...
WE'RE TAKING THE HK.
WHAT ?
SHUT UP AND LISTEN, HOLD YOUR FIRE ON YOUR FLANK, FALL BACK TO THE SILO AND PUT THE MEDICS UNDERGROUND, GOT IT ?
GOTCHA!
YO! HOLD YOUR FIRE AND HEAD FOR THE TOWER OF PISA-- PAST THE BUCK!
YOU GUYS GET INTO THIS UNTIL WE GET YOU...
IF WE EVER...
JUST SHUT UP AND GET IN THERE!
I'D LIKE TO--
WE'LL NEED YOU MEDS FOR SURE WITH WHAT LEAHY HAS IN MIND.
...GOOD LUCK...
HA!

WHAT'S GOT INTO LEAHY? AN HK? IS HE NUTS?
Whew! THAT WAS CLOSE!
MUST BE 'CAUSE OF THE LUNAR TEAM AND THAT KONRAD 'NATOR, OR WHATEVER HE IS.
BROOKS, RECEIVED WORD FROM LEAHY?
YES. EVERYONE IS IN POSITION...
I SUGGEST WE MEET UP WITH MR. LEAHY IMMEDIATELY!
FOR ONCE, KONRAD, I AGREE WITH YA.
MOVE IT. WE'RE ALMOST READY...
HERE, DOYLE. THIS PLASMA CANNON WILL DO BETTER IN YOUR HANDS THAN ONE OF OURS!
THANKS.
HANG ONTO THIS, SLAGER. KEEP AN EYE ON BACK-UP.
SURE. WHERE'S--
KA-BOOM
BOOM

JEEZ! THE 'GATORS ARE JUST WALKIN' THROUGH THE MINE FIELD!
THE HK IS JUST FIRING WILDLY, MUST BE TRYING TO COVER THE 'GATORS--
WAIT A SEC-- LEAHY, YOU OL' SON OF A GUN...
THEY'VE SLOWED DOWN!
THEY'RE TOO BUSY SCANNING THE GROUND FOR MINES...
WATCH THE HK AND GO FOR IT!
THE HK IS JUST FIRING WILDLY TO SCARE US OFF UNTIL THEY MAKE IT THROUGH THE FIELD.
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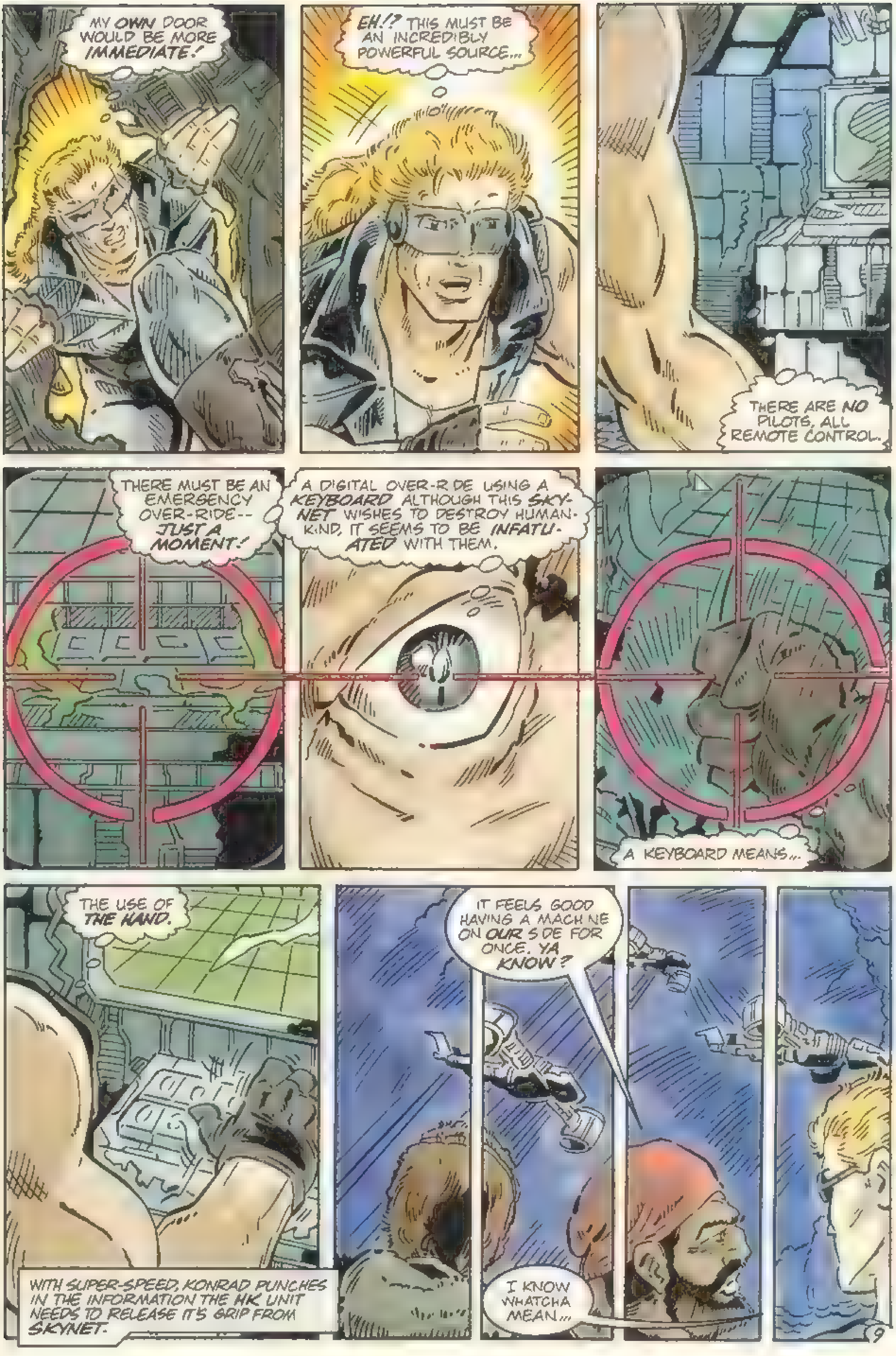
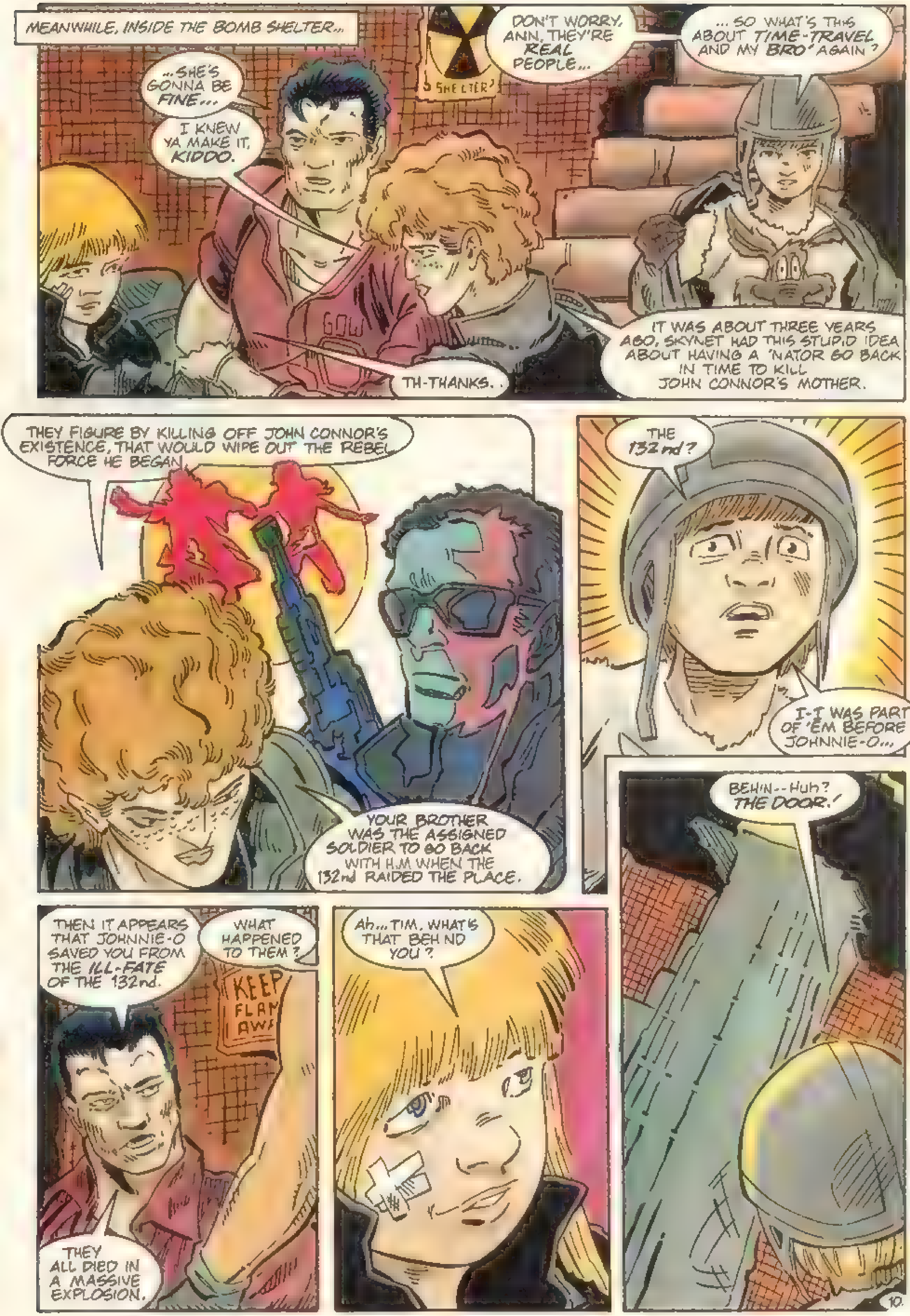
CUT 'EM DOWN!
THIS IS... HORRIBLE. THEY DON'T STOP--EVEN AFTER WALKING ON MINES, THEY STILL KEEP COMING!
ZAT-TAT-ATAT!
ZAT-TAT-ATAT!
KA-BOOM
BLAST! WE'VE CUT THEM DOWN TO FIVE BUT THEY'RE STILL MOVING IN!
6.

KONRAD, THE ALIEN ANDROID FROM THE MOON, USING HIS COMPUTER PERFECT SKILLS, DISABLES THE HK'S WEAPONS.
GOTTA FIND COVER--?
ARRGHN!
THIS SUB-MACHINE IS NOW DISARMED...
NOW IT'S UP TO ME TO TAKE CONTROL.

AWRIGHT, TROOP, MOVE IN!
IT'S TIME FOR US TO GET OUTTA HERE!
EAT HOT PLASMA!
THIS TOWER WILL DO JUST FINE.
OKAY, SUCKER...
THAT'S IT, JUST A FEW MORE FEET...
KA-BOOM
BOOM
...RIGHT OVER THE MINES!
SPEED IS ESSENTIAL!
THE DOOR WOULD BE...
...WASTING TIME!


MY OWN DOOR WOULD BE MORE IMMEDIATE!
EH!? THIS MUST BE AN INCREDIBLY POWERFUL SOURCE...
THERE ARE NO PILOTS, ALL REMOTE CONTROL.
THERE MUST BE AN EMERGENCY OVER-RIDE-- JUST A MOMENT!
A DIGITAL OVER-RIDE USING A KEYBOARD ALTHOUGH THIS SKYNET WISHES TO DESTROY HUMANKIND, IT SEEMS TO BE INFATUATED WITH THEM.
A KEYBOARD MEANS...
THE USE OF THE HAND.
WITH SUPER-SPEED, KONRAD PUNCHES IN THE INFORMATION THE HK UNIT NEEDS TO RELEASE IT'S GRIP FROM SKYNET.
IT FEELS GOOD HAVING A MACHINE ON OUR SIDE FOR ONCE. YA KNOW?
I KNOW WHATCHA MEAN...

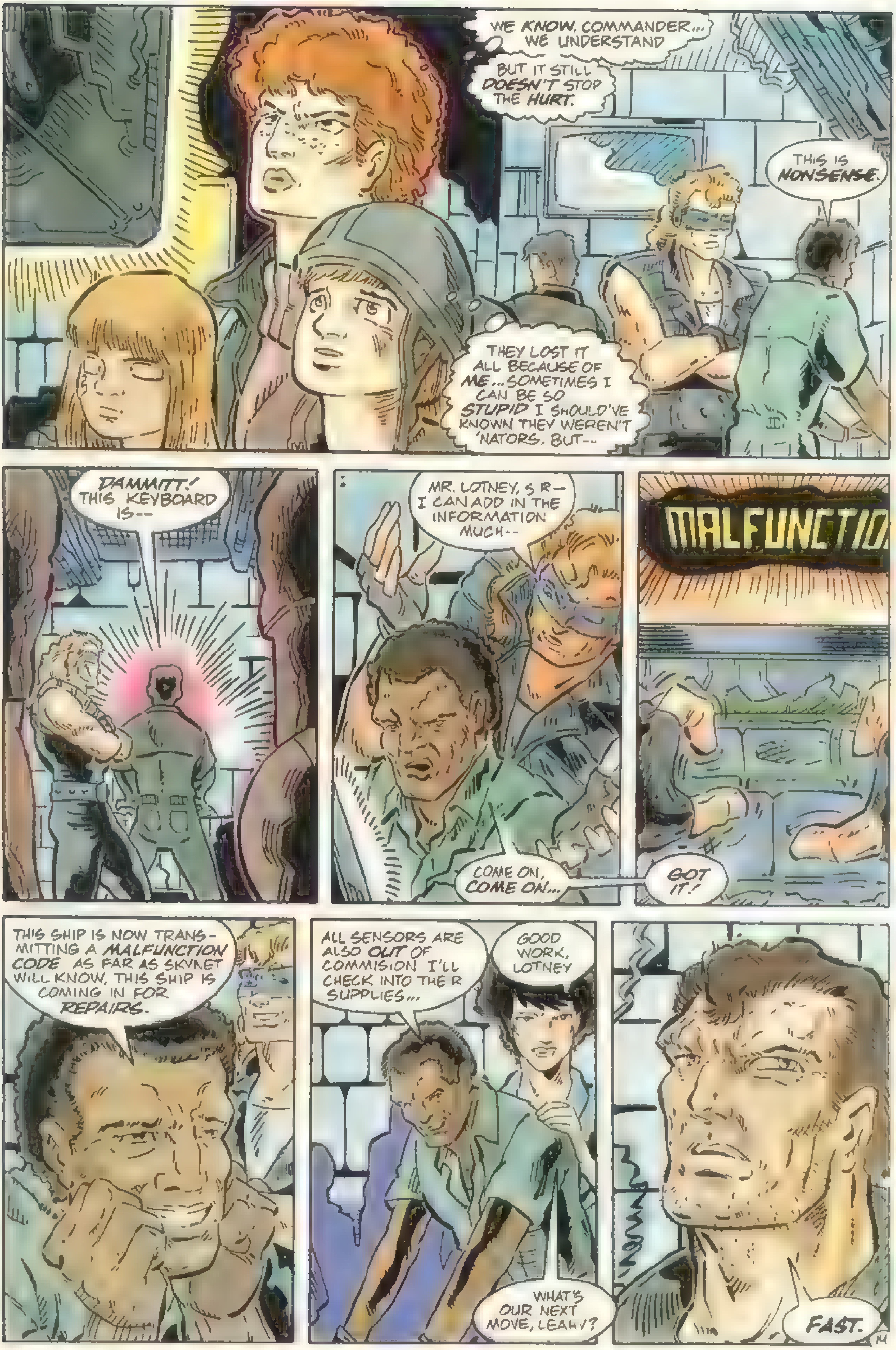


MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE BOMB SHELTER...
...SHE'S GONNA BE FINE...
I KNEW YA MAKE IT, KIDDO.
SHELTER
DON'T WORRY, ANN, THEY'RE REAL PEOPLE...
...SO WHAT'S THIS ABOUT TIME-TRAVEL AND MY BRO' AGAIN?
TH-THANKS.
IT WAS ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO, SKYNET HAD THIS STUPID IDEA ABOUT HAVING A 'NATOR GO BACK IN TIME TO KILL JOHN CONNOR'S MOTHER.
THEY FIGURE BY KILLING OFF JOHN CONNOR'S EXISTENCE, THAT WOULD WIPE OUT THE REBEL FORCE HE BEGAN.
YOUR BROTHER WAS THE ASSIGNED SOLDIER TO GO BACK WITH HIM WHEN THE 132nd RAIDED THE PLACE.
THE 132nd?
I-I WAS PART OF 'EM BEFORE JOHNNIE-O...
THEN IT APPEARS THAT JOHNNIE-O SAVED YOU FROM THE ILL-FATE OF THE 132nd.
WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?
KEEP FLAM AWA
THEY ALL DIED IN A MASSIVE EXPLOSION.
Ah...TIM, WHAT'S THAT BEHIND YOU?
BEHIN--Huh? THE DOOR!

OUTSIDE...
IT'S AN HK!
EVERYONE'S GONE!
WE LOST! WE LOST! LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!
HOLD IT, TIM... WHO'S--?
LET'S GO! WE'VE GOT LESS THAN TEN MINUTES TO LEAVE BEFORE THE SECOND 'NATOR TRANSPORT GET'S HERE!
WOW...

HOW THE HELL DID YOU GUYS GET THIS?
KONRAD HAD MOST TO DO WITH IT..
LAST TIME I WAS IN ONE OF THESE--
DAMN!
THIS COMPUTER IS IS FIGHTING ME ALL THE WAY!
IT JUST DOESN'T WANT TO READ MY COMMANDS!
IF IT DOESN'T SOON, WE'LL HAVE AN ESCORT SERVICE TO THE FLESH FARM
DON'T WORRY.. IF ANYBODY CAN, I CAN!
GOOD
WHAT'S THAT, COMMANDER?
IT'S A SPECIAL FAILSAFE DEVICE I PLANTED AT HOME TO INSURE A LAST DITCH VICTORY!
A FAILSAFE?
CLICK!

I ALWAYS FELT THE PRESENCE OF THE WARHEAD IN HOMEBASE WAS A SYMBOLIC REMINDER. A SYMBOL OF THE MONSTER WE CREATED.
LITTLE DID WE KNOW THAT THE "LITTLE RED BUTTON" WASN'T GOING TO BE PRESSED BY ANY ONE COUNTRY, OR EVEN ONE MAN, BUT BY THE VERY COMPUTER SYSTEM WHICH WATCHED OVER US LIKE SOME TECHNOLOGICAL GOD.
MAYBE THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED THAT ONE DAY... MAYBE SKYNET THOUGHT IT WAS GOD...
Oh, JESUS...
LEAHY, TH-THAT WAS... HOME...
THIS'LL INSURE THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF THIS HK BEING DAMAGE COMPUTES TO SKYNET--
...BESIDES, I'M SURE THEY'D FIND INFORMATION WHEN THEY SEARCH THE PLACE THAT I WOULD PREFER THEY NOT HAVE...
...FOR OUR OWN PROTECTION!


WE KNOW, COMMANDER... WE UNDERSTAND
BUT IT STILL DOESN'T STOP THE HURT.
THIS IS NONSENSE.
THEY LOST IT ALL BECAUSE OF ME... SOMETIMES I CAN BE SO STUPID I SHOULD'VE KNOWN THEY WEREN'T 'NATORS. BUT--
DAMMITT! THIS KEYBOARD IS--
MR. LOTNEY, SIR-- I CAN ADD IN THE INFORMATION MUCH--
COME ON, COME ON...
MALFUNCTIO
GOT IT!
THIS SHIP IS NOW TRANSMITTING A MALFUNCTION CODE. AS FAR AS SKYNET WILL KNOW, THIS SHIP IS COMING IN FOR REPAIRS.
ALL SENSORS ARE ALSO OUT OF COMMISION. I'LL CHECK INTO THEIR SUPPLIES...
GOOD WORK, LOTNEY
WHAT'S OUR NEXT MOVE, LEAHY?
FAST.
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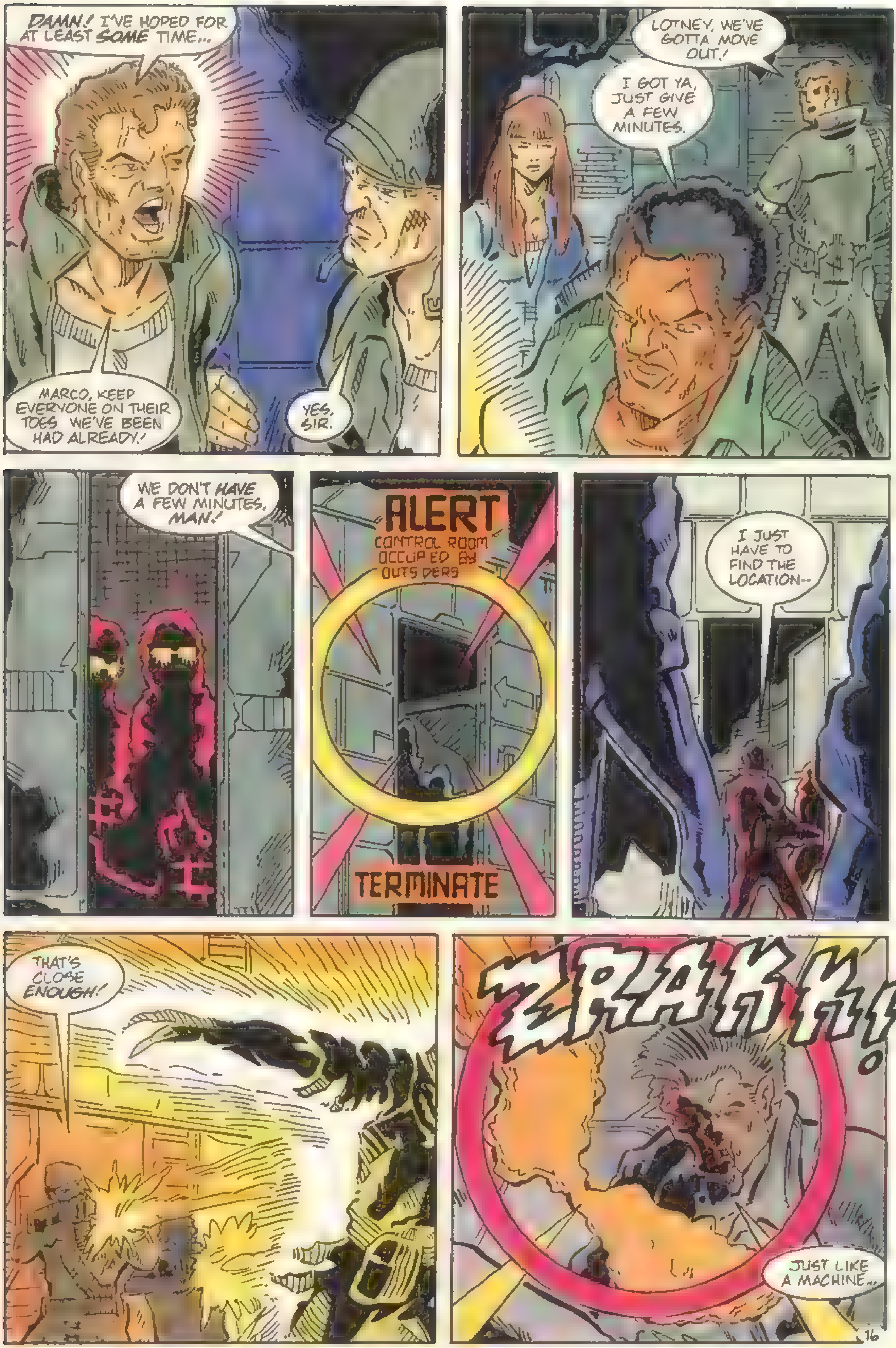
MINUTES LATER...
OKAY, REMEMBER WHAT I'VE TOLD YOU-- WE'RE IN, WE'RE OUT, WITH THE SUPPLIES
KONRAD, TAKE SECURITY CAMERAS OUT
WOW! THIS PLACE IS A REGULAR HK FACTORY!
ALL TAKEN CARE OF, MR LEAHY
GOOD.
STAND GUARD WHILE WE MOVE TO THE CONTROL ROOM.
OH, MAN... ANOTHER ONE OF THESE BACK-UP COMPUTERS.
AH, OH...
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
THEY KNOW WE'RE HERE!
SECTOR 5
ALERT
SECTOR 5


DAMN! I'VE HOPED FOR AT LEAST SOME TIME...
MARCO, KEEP EVERYONE ON THEIR TOES WE'VE BEEN HAD ALREADY!
YES, SIR.
LOTNEY, WE'VE GOTTA MOVE OUT!
I GOT YA, JUST GIVE A FEW MINUTES.
WE DON'T HAVE A FEW MINUTES, MAN!
ALERT
CONTROL ROOM OCCUPIED BY OUTSIDERS
TERMINATE
I JUST HAVE TO FIND THE LOCATION--
THAT'S CLOSE ENOUGH!
ZRAKK!
JUST LIKE A MACHINE...

...ALWAYS A GLUTTON FOR PUNISHMENT!
ZRATTKK
SLAGER, TOM
THE SARAH SLAMMERS
TERMINATION ESSENTIAL
PREVIOUS INFORMATION
INDICATES LEFT ELBOW
IN USAGE OF LEFT ARM,
89.7%
EVERYBODY, MOVE IN!
ZRAKK
LEAHY!
WE'RE NOT MAKIN' IT OUT HERE! THERE'LL BE A DOZEN MORE HERE SOON. I SAY WE SPLIT!
I BELIEVE THAT THE LONGER WE STAY HERE, THE MORE DANGEROUS THE SITUATION WILL BECOME. WE MUST PLAN A MEANS OF ESCAPE.
AGREED. LET'S GET OUT.

LOTNEY... ANYTHING?
NO, I MEAN I'VE GOT INFORMATION ON A FEW SUPPLIES, BUT NO LOCATIONS AND DIRECTIONS...
THERE JUST ISN'T ANY TIME!
ROSSETTI
LUNA
THEN... IT'S ALL BEEN A WASTE.
WHAT--?
ALE
ENFORCERS ENROUTE
WHAT THE HELL IS AN ENFORCER?
LET'S ALL GRAB SOME ARMOR AND SOME SHELTER...
'CAUSE I HAVE A SUSPICION...
...WE'RE GONNA FIND OUT--REAL FAST!

Oh, NO...
IT'S A TANK!
A WHAT??!
JOHNNIE-O USED TO CALL 'EM TANKS. NEVER KNEW THEY HAD A NAME.
YOU'VE ENCOUNTERED THESE THINGS BEFORE?
YEAH ALMOST EVERY TIME WE'D HIT DIS PLACE FOR GUNS AND AMMO.
YOU'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE?
SURE, WE'D COME HERE AND SWIPE AS MANY SUPPLIES AS WE COULD WHEN WE'D GET LOW.
DO YOU KNOW THE LAYOUT OF THIS PLACE? AN EXIT?
WELL... NO. WE'D JUST BLOW A HOLE IN THE WALLS UNTIL WE'D SEE DAYLIGHT...
CHRIST, NO WONDER THE PLACE IS SO HEAVILY GUARDED.
DOYLE, USE THAT LUNARGUN AND BLAST ONE OF 'EM FROM BEHIND ONE OF THOSE HKS.
YES--

SIR!
ZATATAK!
FOOM!
OOO, I REALLY LIKE THIS BABY!
AH, OH!
BOOM BOOM
BOOM
OH, MAN, THIS THING IS BAD!
OBVIOUSLY, THIS SITUATION NEEDS SPECIAL HANDLING...
CLANG!
...LIKE SO!
I SURE AM GLAD THAT SYNTHETIC IS ON OUR SIDE.
DOYLE, WE'RE CUTTIN' OUT! SPREAD THE WORD
WOW.

MOMENTS LATER...
LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT A READY-MADE ESCAPE DOOR HERE
MUST LEAD TO SOMEWHERE
HOW'RE YOU DOING, KEN?
I'LL MAKE IT
WE MUST LEAVE--
WHRRR!
WHRRR!
WHRR!
MR LEAHY! THE HKS!
OH, NO
I KNOW! I KNOW!
ZRAK!
ARRGHNNN!
EVERYONE TAKE COVER! THIS PLACE IS COMIN' ALIVE!
AHH!
ANN! NO! NO!

Ohhhh... mmmmannn
I'm sorry...
MOVE OUT! MOVE OUT!
URK!
AHHHH--
BROOKS! HANG ON--
NO-- I'VE HAD IT-- JUST GO!
I-I CAN'T-- ARGH!
DOYLE! LOOK OUT! LOOK OUT!
EH?!
M MY GLASSES!!??
DOYLE!!
SHRAKK!
!!??
COME ON!!
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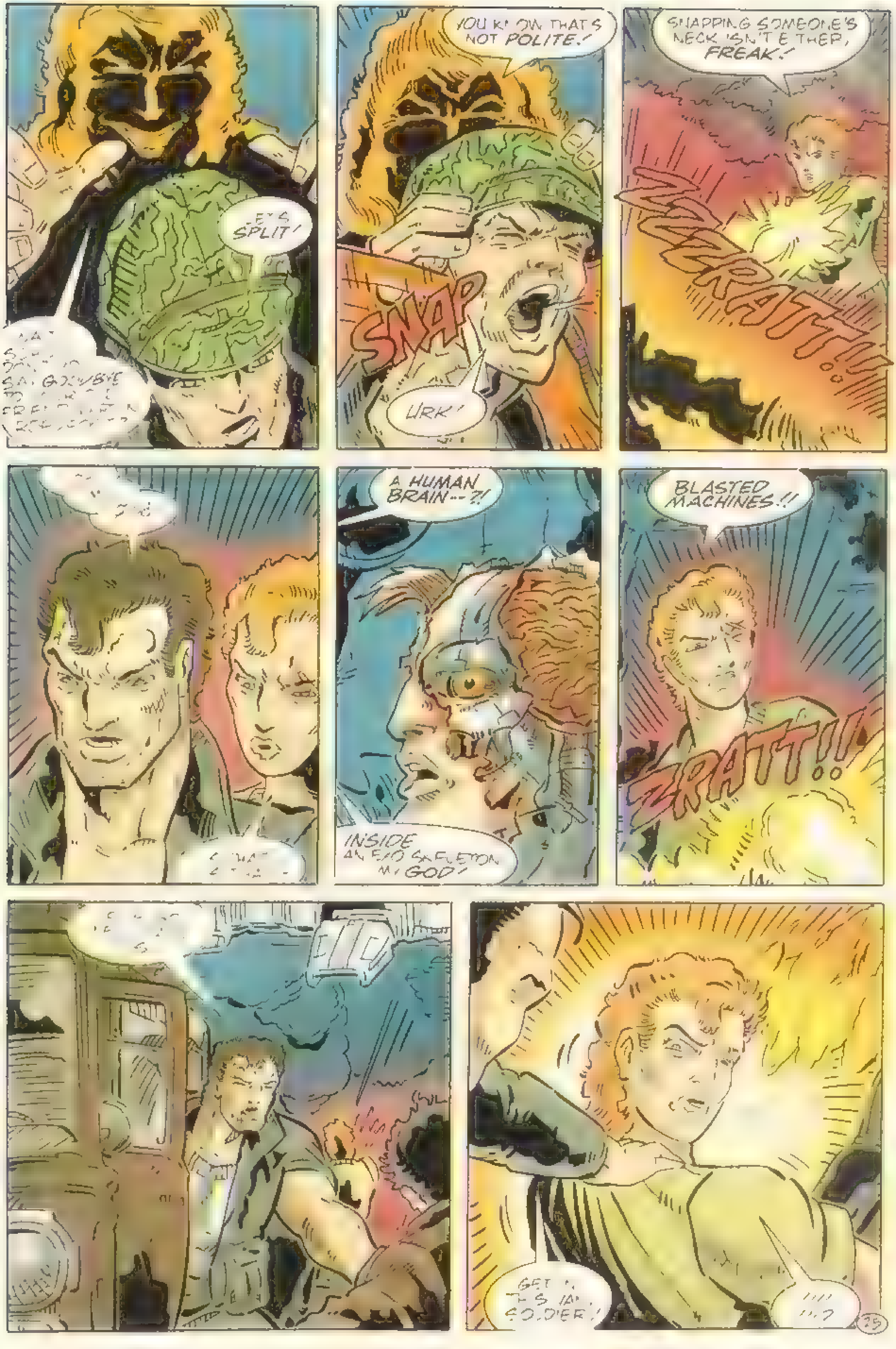
NOW!
YOU DON'T HAVE TA SAY THAT TWICE!
ZAP!
ZAP!
ZAP!
ZAP!
METAL MAGGOTS! I HATE THEM! THEY KILL EVERYONE I LIKE.
GOOD!
OF COURSE
BAKERY?

ARE INTRUDERS. YOU WILL BE
AND TAKEN TO SEE SKYNET.
DAMN.
YOU ARE INTRUDERS. YOU MUST SEE SKYNET.
YOU ARE OUTSIDERS. YOU WILL BE APPREHENDED.
SHUT UP, YOU STUPID MACHINE!
ZZZRAKK!
KA-FOOM!
BOOM! BOOM!
THIS PLACE IS GONNA BLOW!


SPLIT!
YOU KNOW THAT'S NOT POLITE!
SNAP
URK!
SNAPPING SOMEONE'S NECK ISN'T EITHER, FREAK!
ZZRATT!!
A HUMAN BRAIN--?!
INSIDE AN EXO-SKELETON MY GOD!
BLASTED MACHINES!!
ZRATT!!

'MEMBER, THOSE ALL THE LAUNCHERS WE GOT-- DON'T WASTE 'EM!
GOTCHA, COMMANDER.
BOOM!
FOOM!
SHOOO
THERE IT IS.
WHAT DID JOHNNIE-O USED TO CALL IT?
THE POWER TOWER.
KA-BOOM,
FFFFFFFF-BOOM!
I KNEW THERE WAS A REASON.
METAL MAGGOTS...

EPILOGUE:
I-IT'S HORRIBLE HERE. THERE'S NEVER A TRUE MOMENT OF PEACE.
I WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO RETURN TO THE MOON.
THINGS AREN'T A DEAD ROCK LIKE THE MOON, ROSETTI.
AW, COME ON. WHEN'S THE NEXT SHIP COMIN' FOR PLANKTIN?
A YEAR.
SO YA WAIT A YEAR. BIG DEAL.
DOYLE, HOW DO YOU HANDLE THIS... PRESSURE, YEAR AFTER YEAR?
...REALISTICALLY, WHAT HOPE DO WE HAVE TO BE ALIVE IN A YEAR?
I DON'T KNOW. I'VE BEEN FIGHTING SINCE I WAS BORN... I'M STILL ALIVE.
HAFTA HAVE HOPE, ROSETTI. HOPE THAT ONE DAY, JOHN CONNOR WILL PUT US ON TOP!
HOPE? ON A MAN YOU'VE NEVER MET... OR EVEN KNOW IS ALIVE...!
I DON'T THINK THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME...
JEZ, QUITE A CHANGE FROM WHEN SHE FIRST LANDED, HUH?
I KNEW THEY WOULD BREAK EVENTUALLY.
ZRAK
AHHH!
WHAT THE--?
SOB I-I SAW HER TAKE HER LASER--*SOB* I THOUGHT--
WHAT ARE YA MUMBLING ABOUT, BERWANGER?
Oh, jesus...
THE END

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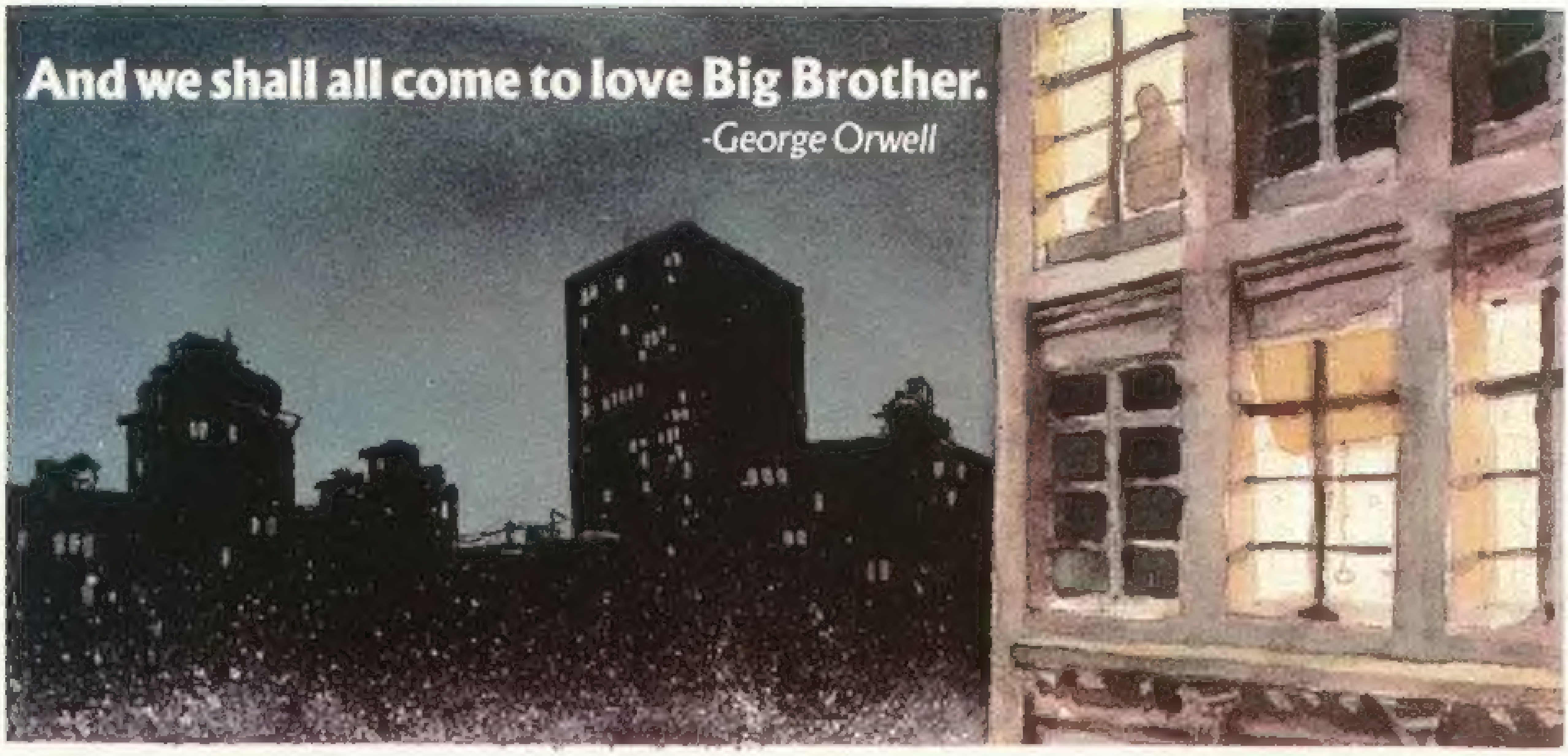

I t's been three years since the deadly plague that almost annihilated the human race. The handful of people that survived fell into a totalitarian society built on power and greed.

Scott Baker for years had cursed his very existance as the undying monster he had become, and the corruption of Man that changed him that way.

The evils of Man have disfigured Scott Baker, but he will not allow them to deface the rights given this race by the universe itself.

Perhaps, this is his destiny...

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